

FISCAL NOTE

SB 1531 - HB 1970

April 6, 2005

SUMMARY OF BILL: Creates the Department of Juvenile Justice; transfers all programs and services related to children adjudicated delinquent or unruly from the Department of Children's Services.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase State Expenditures - \$38,224,000

Other Fiscal Impact – There will be a loss of federal funding of \$26,962,100 from TennCare/Medicaid funding and Title IV-E for case management and residential placements for this population of children affected by the bill.

Assumptions:

- Additional commissioner, deputy commissioner, assistant commissioners, director-level staff.
- Development of information system separate from the TNKids System in Department of Children's Services.
- Loss of federal funding and TennCare funding for targeted case management and residential placement.
- Unruly children in state custody are part of designated class in *Brian A. v. Sundquist Settlement Agreement* and caseload caps and placement restrictions would apply.
- 2,470 children in state custody are affected by the bill.

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.



James W. White, Executive Director

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